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AMENDMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the October 1, 2004 Office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.